



**AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY**  
LAS VEGAS CAMPUS

February Builders' Theme:  
I am a builder when I Befriend Others  
February 15, 2018

Las Vegas - School Calendar

Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day
Monday-Friday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid-Winter Break
Tuesday, February 27	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade ACT Testing
Tuesday, February 27	Mathnasium Family Math Night K-6
Wednesday, February 28	2-6 Oracle Series Assembly Students only
Thursday, March 1	8-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair
Monday-Friday, March 5-9	K-6 Classroom Speech Festival
Wednesday, March 7	K-6 Builder Assembly 8:00am
Monday, March 12	No School Professional Development
Wednesday, March 14	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hoedown
Thursday, March 15	4-6 School Speech Festival 1:00pm
Friday, March 16	K-3 School Speech Festival 1:40pm

\*\*\*Spirit Day - Students are allowed to wear any of our APA Spirit Apparel shirts, (no hats please). Students still need to wear their uniform socks, shoes, and skirts/pants/jumpers. The Spirit Store is open every Wednesday from 8:30AM - 12:00PM. Spirit wear can be purchased online, at: <http://www.americanprep.org/store/>

**Lost and Found**

**Our lost and found is exploding. All items will be taken to Goodwill Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> after school. Please come take a look for your students' lost items.**

**January K-6 Builder Award Recipients:**

K-Hatch AM	Olivia Corn	K-Hatch PM	McKenna-Lee Takara
K-Rambow AM	Royal Friedel	K-Rambow PM	Logan Kelly
1st-Call	Amelia Pinkham	1st-Freer	Ellah Mark
1st-Gomez	Ava Sanchez	2nd-DeJesus	Tiana Truong
2nd-Hayes	Jesse Chomnontha	2nd-Johnson	Darian Mata
2nd-Martinez	Owen Carlson	2nd-Rafferty	Aydrian Cordova
3rd-Gardner	Mika Mabandos	3rd-Nunn	Rylee Denos
3rd-Robison	Eldon Peery	3rd- Winters	Abel Solomon
3rd-Telfer	CJ Cainag	4th-Bergquist	Giovanni Shaker
4th-Burgess	Logan Shelby	4th-King	Alice Wathen
4th-Hambleton	Hanna Hoang	5th-Maston	Taylor Ortiz

4th-Rivenbark	Mandy Liang	5th-Carter	Roxy Jones
5th-Conti	Nathan Yemane	5th-Tooker	Veda Vikram
6th-Baber	Seth Boonpaptitch	6th-Gibson	Sofia Dimaranan
6th-Holloman	Samone Robinson	6th-Wallace	Kaleab Daniel
6th-Ryan	Aiden Hanik	6th-Lindquist	Trisha Dela Rose
K-3 Teacher	Mrs. Abbott	4-6 Teacher	Mrs. Burgess

### **December 7-12 Builder Award Recipients:**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Vania Emanuel	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jonathan Tesfeye
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Millie Veliz	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Xavery Simi
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mtasbeia Tefera	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Elan Kidd
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Lulu Gonzales	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Grant Lutz

### **January 7-12 Builder Award Recipients:**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Betania Sorie	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Neville Roy
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Madison Loiselle	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Matthew McAferty
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Linsey Mecham	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Logan DeLong
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ruth Barraza	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Taylor Howarth
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Paolo Capili	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jessica Hatch

## **SCHOOL NEWS (K-12th GRADES)**

### **February Builder Theme: I am a builder when I befriend others**

Our K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students were introduced to Florence Nightingale this week as an example of someone who befriended others. From a very young age, Florence Nightingale was compassionate and charitable as she comforted the ill and poor people in the village neighboring her family's estate. By the time, she was 16 years old, she knew that she wanted to be a nurse. She believed it to be her divine purpose.

During the Crimean War in 1853, thousands of British soldiers were sent to the Black Sea where supplies quickly dwindled. By 1854, approximately 18,000 soldiers had been admitted into military hospitals. These ill and injured soldiers were badly neglected. They not only lacked sufficient medical attention due to hospitals being horribly understaffed, but also languished in horrifying unsanitary and inhumane conditions. In October 1854, Florence Nightingale, with staff of 38 women volunteer nurses that she trained, were sent to help.

Florence spent every waking minute caring for the soldiers. In the evenings, she moved through the dark hallways carrying a lamp while making her rounds, talking with and caring for patient after patient. The soldiers, who were both moved and comforted by her endless supply of compassion, called her "the Lady with the Lamp."

As we discussed this remarkable woman, we noticed that she went above and beyond by befriending those whom it may be harder to approach. Many of these soldiers were very sick and very injured. They may have been so sad that they didn't respond well, or even angry. They may have had injuries that made them look scary. This didn't discourage Florence Nightingale. Our challenge this week is to befriend someone who presents more of a challenge. This may be someone who looks and acts very different from you. This may be someone who has called you names and you hold a grudge against them. Maybe it's a family member you've had a fight with. Maybe it's someone in your class who looks and acts very different from you. It may not be easy, but it is worth it. You'll be happier; you may change their life; you might make a new life-long friend!

### **Celebration of Excellence: NEW INFORMATION BELOW**

This meeting is held each year to include you as parents in our efforts to maintain our high standards and recommit ourselves to support our vision, philosophy, and mission as well as fill you in on changes and improvements that will be happening.

This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all families wanting to re-enroll their students for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **\*\*Signing-Up\*\***

- Please sign-up for one meeting per family at <https://vegas.americanprep.org/celebration/>
- You must arrive on time
- You must stay for the entire duration of the meeting
- Those arriving late will **NOT** be allowed to enter
- You will need to sign-up for another meeting time

For families with students entering **Grade 7** or **Grade 9**

- please select a MORNING meeting time
- or Thursday or Friday evening meeting

#### **Student Snack Store - Varsity Cheer Fundraiser**

The Student Snack Store will now be open, to all students, in the mornings from 7:30am -7:55am

#### **Math Night (K-6) February 27th 5:30 - 7:30PM**

APA will be hosting our first Family Math Night at APA February 27th. We are partnering with MATHNASIUM to create a night of learning and fun. Students K-6th and their families are invited to attend this fun family event. Entry is FREE. Students and families will be playing fun Math games and can learn at the same time. There will be giveaways, rewards and games. Mark your calendars for this FUN EVENT! **RSVP is required, please RSVP**

to [laurie.saposhnik@mathnasium.com](mailto:laurie.saposhnik@mathnasium.com) If anyone is interested in volunteering, please use the sign up. Remember you can use these volunteer hours toward your required 20hrs. Thank you in advance for your volunteer time.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45ada82da5f58-math>

#### **K-12 Hip-Hop Workshop**

We are so excited to offer our first ever Hip-Hop Workshop here at APA! This workshop is an all-inclusive after-school activity for grades K-12. If you have signed your child(ren) up, please email a copy of your receipt to [jamese.bell@apavegas.org](mailto:jamese.bell@apavegas.org) to secure your spot in the workshop. If you have not paid, please do so immediately through the online banking system to complete registration process. You can find the sign-up link in your infinite campus messages for elementary or your secondary students' school email. Information regarding class expectations, pickup times and location, class location and all other pertinent information will be sent out upon completion of entire registration process. If you did not receive a sign-up link and would like one, feel free to email Jamese Bell at the email listed above. Thank you for your interest in this program!

#### **Yearbook Order: Deadline April 5, 2018**

To order yearbooks please use these codes Order online: [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Elementary Code: 12746218

Secondary Code: 12389718

## ELEMENTARY NEWS (K-6)

### Academic Update – Grades K-6 Olympics:

During Term 4 our elementary students will be participating in the APA Olympics! Each class will be judged in different categories and students can earn extra points for their classes through demonstrating exemplary behavior. Some of these categories are: Choral Responding, Hallway Lines and Transitions, Participation, Perfect Uniform, Learning Positions, Prepared for Class, and Assembly Behavior.

A class can earn a total of out of 10 points in each category daily and the scores are presented each week. This is a fun event to motivate our students during this long fourth term!

We would love to have your help judging in the classrooms! Feel free to come into the office and pick up a judging sheet. You can take this sheet and walk around to the different classrooms giving scores in different categories. This will allow you to be in the different classrooms and make a difference by encouraging our students to do their best.

Go For the Gold!

### Grades 2-6: Author Visit

On Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be having Oracle Series author, C.W. Trisef present at their morning assembly! This assembly will be for students only – there will be no room in the gym for any extra guests. Mr. Trisef will be answering questions and signing books after the assembly.

## SECONDARY NEWS (7th-12th Grade)

The most unavoidable thing about parenting preteens and teens is that they will inevitably grow bigger. Our students are rising upward and getting taller all over the school. You may be asking yourself, why we are addressing this in the newsletter? One area where this growth is most evident is in uniforms which are getting a little small on many of our students. Uniforms are required to be in good repair and fit appropriately. This includes, among other things, pant fit, sweater repair and fit, skirt length/fit, and shirt fit. Please see a brief review of the uniform guidelines below. Upon return from the break, the above listed points will be enforced in full. Clothing must not be too tight, short or in disrepair.

### Lower Body

1. Slacks must fit the following description: Uniform slacks (no denim, tight-fitting, or corduroy). Belted, pleated or flat front, long enough to cover top of shoe, short enough to stay off floor when worn with shoes, worn no more than 2” below waist, no cargo pants or outside pockets (patch pockets), match color of Dockers or Lee khaki (not stone colored). 1. No tight-fitting slacks (must be able to pinch one inch of fabric in front and back). Slacks may NOT be tapered. **They may not be skinnier at the ankle than at the knee.**
2. Leggings may be worn under skirts. Must be black or navy-blue in K-12 and with an option of white in K-6, and full-length to the ankle. **Socks must come to the bottom of the leggings.**
3. Bicycle-type shorts are required under skirts for playground activities.
4. Skirts/Jumpers must come to the knee when standing **and sitting...**

### **DMV “Certification of Attendance”**

We have received many panicked emails from parents who have gone to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with their students and were unable to take the exam they hoped to that day. Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 392) the “Certification of Attendance” must be signed by a school administrator. The form indicates, “This form certifies that the person is either meeting or exempt from Nevada school attendance requirements. This form is also used by the schools to suspend a student’s instruction permit or driver’s license or deny future privileges if the student is declared as a habitual truant.” As a public service, we would like to let all parents of future drivers know that this form must be printed and presented to the school with at minimum 72 hours’ notice to be signed prior to going to the DMV. Our hope in informing you is that you will spend as little time and at the DMV as possible, avoiding multiple trips.

### **Social Media**

It has once again come to our attention that many of our Elementary, Junior High and younger High School students are utilizing social media. Many of our students who are on social media are also using it improperly. **We are excited to announce that in March we will be holding a social media night.** We look forward to helping parents understand the perils of social media in the hands of students who lack the maturity to use it. We will require some students and families to attend, while encouraging others and all families to attend with their students. All are invited. Please watch future newsletters for the dates and times of these very important meetings. Please note the section of our Parent Student Handbook which encourages all families to terminate the use of social media amongst students at APA. *“Similarly, American Preparatory Academy recommends a ‘no Social Media’ policy for students until 11th grade.”* Recent evidence shows that there are potentially damaging effects on pre and young teens who engage in use of social media without the proper maturity and brain development.”

### **11th Grade ACT**

On Tuesday, February 27, 11th grade students throughout Nevada will take the ACT. This test is now a graduation requirement in the state of Nevada. Your student will have the opportunity to send an ACT score report to up to four colleges. The exam will be provided in paper form and all materials for the exam will be provided. Please check your email for additional information regarding early release at 12:30pm for 11th grade students on this date. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Steiner at [shannon.steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org).

### **Legislative Week**

All students 7-10th grade will be attending mini workshops during their 4th period, the week following mid-winter break. They will learn the difference between federal and state laws, who their local representatives are, and even play government Jeopardy.

## **CLUBS AND ATHLETICS**

### **Key Club**

The Key Club spent the last month writing letters to service members, cleaning classrooms for teachers at on campus, as well as decorating and delivering Valentines candy and flowers to the residents of the Pacific Senior Living center. Great job, Key Clubbers! It's not too late to join us - contact Ms. Steiner at [shannon.steiner@apavegas.org](mailto:shannon.steiner@apavegas.org) for more info.

### **Game Schedule for this Saturday 2/17**

9:00 am Basketball: Boys HS vs. Equipo Academy @ Slam

10:00 am Basketball: Girls HS Tournament vs. Founders Academy @ Jam On It

12:00 pm Basketball: Girls HS vs. Founders Academy @ Pinecrest Cadence

12:00 pm Basketball: Boys 5/6 RED vs. Slam @ Pinecrest Cadence

12:30 pm Basketball: Boys HS Tournament vs. Trinity Inter. @ Jam On It

2:00 pm Basketball: Boys 5/6 NAVY vs. Somerset Stephaine @ Pinecrest Cadence

### **High School Volleyball**

High School volleyball had the opportunity to be involved in the charter league playoffs this past Friday. The team played hard and rallied back in the 3rd game for a semi-final win against Word of Life Academy. The eagles were grateful for the opportunity to play in the championship game against the Equipo Academy Boys team. Both games were neck-and-neck, but ended with a loss for APA. It was an exciting game and were thrilled to even be so close and come in 2nd place.

Shout out:

We first want to thank the students, teachers, administration, and the pep band for coming out to support the team. It was much appreciated. Thank you! The team worked hard and did such a great job and a huge thank you to all of them. Kristen Dominguez made two incredible passes and spiked very well. We also want to thank Diederik Marquez-Lara for being so willing to play in the various positions the coaches asked of him.

### **Lady Eagles Basketball**

Congrats are in order! The Lady Eagles acquired their first win against SLAM last week! The team learned some very valuable lessons throughout the game. The team seem to have grown together and are excited that they still have a shot at the league championship. The team is scheduled to play in a non-league tournament this weekend at SLAM where they will play aggressively, with passion, and heart in preparation of bringing the championship trophy to APA where it belongs. Special shout out to Millie Veliz for being such a coachable player and consistently proving that hard work and dedication is what you need to succeed. Wish us luck this weekend!

### **7/8 Boys Basketball**

Come out and support our 7/8 Boys Basketball teams this **FRIDAY (2/16)** at APA. This will be our last home basketball games of the season. Admission is FREE!

**6:30PM 7/8 RED vs Silver Sands**

**7:30PM 7/8 NAVY vs Doral Pebble**

The Navy Team showed a lot of heart this week! Our boys continue to show improvement and our focus this week was to play within ourselves and continue to show spirit.

A number of players were asked to play out of position but were still able to put up a solid 8 points in the second half. Gideon led the way with 6 points and shot the ball really well, making all three of his shots. Joey played the point for the first time this season and showed a willingness to play out of his normal position and did an excellent job. Shout out to the whole squad who were unable to put up any points in the first half but, came back with a solid 8 points in the second half against a good St. Rose Pinecrest team. The Golden Eagle award this week goes to Gideon Mekonnen. This was Gideon's second game after coming off a knee injury that sidelined him for 3 weeks. Gideon contributed 6 points.

The Red Team knew going into Saturday's game that point differential will play a key part in whether or not we made the playoffs. The key number needed – based on win/loss from the teams above us – was 20 points. The game was off to a slow start. However, all of a sudden 2,3,2,3,3,2 and we were up by 15. Dylan Herman played out of his mind. Dimitri had his best game of the season pulling down 8 rebounds, 13 blocks, 7 assist, 4 steals and added 8 points. William Banks cleaned the boards with 21 rebound and 12 points. The true surprise of this game though, came from David. While his shot doesn't look beautiful when it leaves his hand, it seems to somehow lay so effortlessly in the basket without making a sound. David had a great game scoring a season high 8 points, 3 steals and 5 rebounds. The win over the patriots was a big help to bringing us one step closer getting into the playoffs during our first year. The Patriots 29 – Eagles 48

The Golden Eagle award this week goes to someone who has been getting better and better each week. What he contributed on offense made up for the defense we were. The Golden Eagle award goes to Dylan Herman. Dylan delivered 18 points, 5 steals, and 5 rebounds. Great job all around.

### **5/6 Boy Basketball**

The 5/6 Red Team played together and controlled the tempo this week, on the way to a 31-9 victory vs. Somerset. Armand Nahabedian was the rock, doing it all and coming off with a double-double... and we're not talking the In-N-Out kind. 12 points and 11 boards. GO EAGLES!!

APA Navy finished a great game this week with a 22-10 victory. Our opponents pressing defense held off the number of points we may have otherwise made – leading to more turnovers and fewer shots. But the APA defense more than offset their style with a lockdown defense of their own. This week Seth Boonpapitch is our MVP. He finished with a unique near triple double. He made 8 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocks! What a game! It looked like he would block every shot and get the rebound after it. Well done!